

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 EC BRU 01593 172252Z

11

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 AID-05 CEA-01 CIAE-00 COME-00 EB-07

FRB-01 INR-07 NSAE-00 CIEP-02 SP-02 STR-04 TRSE-00

LAB-04 SIL-01 SAM-01 OMB-01 AGR-10 /059 W

----- 123164

R 171834Z FEB 76

FM USMISSION EC BRUSSELS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 540

INFO ALL EC CAPITALS 1691

AMEMBASSY ATHENS

AMEMBASSY LISBON

AMEMBASSY MADRID

USMISSION NATO

UNCLAS EC BRUSSELS 01593

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EEC,SP

SUBJECT: SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER DE AREILZA SEES EC COMMISSIONO
OFFICIALS

REF: EC BRUSSELS 544

1. FOLLOWING A MEETING WITH EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT ORTOLI
FEBRUARY 17, DE AREILZA MET THE PRESS HE MADE NO STATEMENT BUT
IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:
2. HE SAID HIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT ORTOLI HAD BEEN USEFUL
IN PSYCHOLOGICAL TERMS. HE HAD USED THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN
THE INTENTIONS OF SPAIN'S NEW MONARCH FURING THE NEXT YEARS.
3. SPAIN, HE SAID,HAS NOT APPLIED FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY..
DE ATEILZA IS IN THE PROCESS OF VISITING THE CAPITALS OF EACH
OF THE NINE MEMBER STATES WHERE HE WILL ALSO EXPLAIN SPAIN'S
DEMOCRATIZATION PROGRAM.
HE EXPECTS HIS TOUR TO BE OVER AT THE END OF MARCH, AT WHICH TIME THE
COMMUNITY AND SPAIN WILL EACH ASSESS THE SITUATION TO SEE IF

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 EC BRU 01593 172252Z

NEGOTIATIONS ARE NDICATED HE ENUMERATED A NUMBER OF

IMPORTANT REFORMS SPAIN HAD ALREADY MADE,BUT HE ADDED THAT AT THE PRESENT,THE COMMUNITY WOULD HAVE TO JUDGE SPAIN ON ITS INTENTIONS FOR EXAMPLE,IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO HOLD ELECTIONS IN SPAIN RIGHT NOW,SINCE THERE IS NOT EVEN AN ELECTORAL LAW AND IT WILL TAKE A YEAR OR A YEAR AND A HALF TO PUT ONE INTO EFFECT.

4. DE AREILZA RECOGNIZED THAT WHEN AND IF NEGOTIATIONS DO BEGIN,THEY WOULD BE LONG AND ARDUOUS THERE WERE A NUMBER OF VERY DIFFICULT ISSUES,PARTICULARLY IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR. SPAIN WAS,HOWEVER,THE TENTH RANKING INDUSTRIAL COUNTRY IN THE WESTERN WORLD AND WAS,HE SAID,BETTER PREPARED ECONOMICALLY THAN DENMARK OR IRELAND FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP ONCE THE NEGOTIATIONS WERE COMPLETED,SPAIN WOULD EXPECT TO JOIN THE COMMUNITY WITH ONLY A NORMAL TRANSITION PERIOD. A SO- CALLED PRE-MEMBERSHIP PERIOD,SUCH AS HE UNDERSTOOD THE COMMISSION HAD PROPOSED IN THE GREEK CASE WOULD NOT BE A USEFUL FORMULA FOR SPAIN.

5. DE AREILZA SAID THE SPANISH WERE NOT INTERESTED IN REOPENING THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS THAT WERE SUSPENDED BY THE EC IN OCTOBER HE WISHES TO SEE THE 1970 AGREEMENT BROADENED TO COVER THE THREE NEW COMMUNITY MEMBERS,BUT ANY NEGOTIATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN THE TRADE AGREEMENT WILL HAVE TO BE CONDUCTED IN A STILL-TO-BE-DEFINED FLEXIBLE FRAMEWORK.M
HINTON

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: TRADE AGREEMENTS, MINISTERIAL MEETINGS, NEGOTIATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 17 FEB 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976ECBRU01593
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760059-0986
From: EC BRUSSELS
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760244/aaaabmlm.tel
Line Count: 87
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 EC BRUSSELS 544
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ullricre
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 14 JUL 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <14 JUL 2004 by oatisao>; APPROVED <07 SEP 2004 by ullricre>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER DE AREILZA SEES EC COMMISSIONO OFFICIALS
TAGS: ETRD, SP, EEC
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006